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TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

THE GERMAN-AMERICAN BREACH.

FAINT RESPONSE FROM NEUTRAL NATIONS.

VERY FEW WILLING TO FOLLOW AMERICA'S EXAMPLE.

London, February 7. According to Reuter's correspondent at New York, the Government has ordered a thorough enquiry into the manner of the killing of the American negro seaman Wallace in the sinking of the *Eveshane*.

Greece Embarrassed.

London, February 7. Reuter's correspondent at Athens says that the American request to Greece to define her attitude towards Germany's unrestricted submarine warfare has embarrassed the Government, which is sounding other neutrals before replying.

Holland Hangs Back.

London, February 8. Reuter's correspondent at the Hague says that the Foreign Minister has pointed out to the United States Charge d'Affaires that the reasons governing the action of the United States towards Germany do not apply to Holland, because the attitude of the United States is the result of anterior negotiations.

Chile and Argentina Non-Committal.

London, February 8. Reuter's correspondent at Rio de Janeiro states that Dr. Lauro Muller, Brazilian Minister of Foreign Affairs, has further conferred with South American representatives.

It is stated that Chile and Argentina have hitherto not approved of the Brazilian Note, Argentina being of opinion that the German-American rupture has come too late. Negotiations with the South American States will continue.

"No Special Declaration."

London, February 8. Reuter's correspondent at Buenos Aires says that the President is considering German submarine warfare, and will convene a special Cabinet on the subject.

Official circles are of the opinion that the Government will make no special declaration, but merely announce its intention of safeguarding national interests.

The newspapers urge the Government to support President Wilson.

Damage to Interned German Merchantmen.

London, February 8. Reuter's correspondent at Washington states that the Secretary for War, in a statement, admits that in various Philippine harbours, and at Colon and Panama, machinery has been removed from German merchantmen.

Reuter's correspondent at New York states that information regarding the disabling of interned German ships is conflicting. It is now authoritatively stated that they are not irreparably damaged but sufficiently to disable them temporarily.

The *New York Herald* says vital parts of the machinery have been removed to safe places of hiding. One of the big liners can be repaired in less than six months.

America Stands Firm.

London, February 8. Reuter's correspondent at Washington states that the resolution in the Senate ratifying the rupture with Germany was generally supported with the exception of a few Republican pacifists.

Senator Lodge, who has been a most bitter opponent of President Wilson in the past, urged his colleagues to show that the people were united in supporting the Government on a grave question.

All the speakers pledged their unquestioning support to the Government in the event of war.

America's Secret Preparations.

London, February 8. Reuter's correspondent at Washington says that the outward calm of the nation conceals tremendous secret preparations for war. Soldiers are drilling in the latest European methods.

It is stated that General Pershing's force, which has returned from Mexico, is one of the most perfectly equipped in the world. Throughout its eleven months in Mexico it practised hand grenade battles, advancing behind a barrage fire, entrenching and repelling attacks. Fleets of aeroplanes accompanied it, as well as caterpillar tractors, somewhat resembling the "Tanks."

A New York message states that the testing of sixteen-inch guns at Sandy Hook, caused a panic, thousands of people on Long Island thinking it was a German bombardment. They were quickly reassured.

The new National League of Women's Service has met at the Vanderbilt residence, and planned the organisation of women in the event of war.

Norway Unsympathetic.

London, February 8. Reuter's correspondent at Christiania says that the Norwegian Government has replied to the appeal of the United States that it cannot adhere to the latter's action towards Germany, adding that the three Scandinavian Kingdoms are now discussing their attitude on the basis of international law.

German Interests in America.

London, February 8. Reuter's correspondent at Bern says that Switzerland has agreed to take charge of German interests in the United States.

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U.S. Ambassador Held as Hostage.

London, February 8. Reuter's correspondent at Copenhagen says that Mr. Gerard, the American Ambassador, has telegraphed from Berlin that he and all Americans are detained as hostages until the departure of Count Bernstorff and the Germans who are aboard German merchantmen is guaranteed.

Argentina's Regrets.

London, February 8. Reuter's correspondent at Buenos Aires says that the Government has replied to Germany regretting that the Emperor considers such extreme measures necessary, and declaring that the Government will base its conduct, as always, on the fundamental principles of international law.

Spain to Remain Neutral.

London, February 8. Spain has resolved not to abandon her neutrality, but she will resolutely defend her national interests and dignity while protesting against German submarining of merchantmen.

Austro-American Relations.

London, February 8. Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam quotes a message from Vienna to the effect that the *Allgemeine Zeitung* states that the American Ambassador is still conferring with the Foreign Minister with a view to a continuance of Austro-American relations.

Holland's Resolve.

London, February 8. Reuter's correspondent at The Hague states that, in the States General, it was announced by the Premier that the Government had energetically protested against the latest German submarine warfare. It was not intended to depart from neutrality, but they would not desert from their resolve to resist, by arms, any violation of their territory.

ANCHOR LINE "CALIFORNIA" TORPEDOED.

An American Survivor.

London, February 8. The Anchor Line *California*, from New York to Glasgow, has been torpedoed. One person was killed and thirty injured. The rest are being landed.

The Missing and Killed.

Later. The *California* carried passengers and mails. Survivors state that 13 passengers and 28 of the crew are missing, and that four were killed and twenty injured. They state that two submarines attacked her.

American Consul Enquiring.

Later. The survivors of the *California* include one American. It is believed that there were others aboard. The American Consul is fully enquiring into the matter.

The Only American Passenger.

Later. It is stated that the American survivor from the *California* was the only American aboard.

No Warning Given.

Later. The Second Officer states that the *California* left New York on January 29, with thirty-two passengers and 173 of a crew. She was torpedoed on the morning of February 7. A terrific shock was felt, and the boats were immediately lowered. The passengers behaved splendidly.

Members of the crew assert that a submarine appeared on each side of the liner, and it was impossible for her to escape. The Captain remained on the ship until she foundered, and was subsequently picked up.

No warning was given, and the vessel sank in seven minutes. The survivors were rescued an hour later. They had lost everything. The missing include the Chief Engineer, the Third Officer and another engineer.

[The *California* was a twin screw steel liner of 8,662 tons and was built in 1907 by D. and W. Henderson and Company, Ltd., of Glasgow. Her dimensions were:—Length, 470 feet; breadth, 58.3 feet; depth, 34 feet. Her port of registry was Glasgow.]

WAR MEASURES IN PARIS.

London, February 7. Reuter's correspondent at Paris says the authorities are closing the theatres and entertainments four days weekly. They are also curtailing the railway services to economise coal.

ANOTHER BIG EXPLOSION IN GERMANY.

London, February 7. According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam, the Bayer Company's great nitrate factory at Leverkusen, in Germany, has been blown up. Two streets were destroyed and many people were killed.

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THE WESTERN FRONT.

Value of the British Successes.

London, February 7. According to Reuter's correspondent at Paris, the correspondent of the *Liberte*, describing the British operations on the Somme, says that their two latest successes north of the Ancre, though local in character, distinctly improve the position before Bapaume.

Simultaneously a fine attack north-east of Guedecourt easily obtained the objectives in half an hour, with the smallest losses. The Germans attempted a stiff fight, but were unable to withstand the torrent. For a moment the new fortress at Transloy was threatened with annihilation, hence the violent German counter-attacks, which failed completely.

The cannonade on the whole British front is more intense, and the effects of the activity of the British artillery are soon apparent.

French Aerial Bombardments.

London, February 7. A French communiqué says:—There was lively grenching and artillery fire in the region of Hill 304 and Avocourt wood.

A French aeroplane bombed military establishments at Lehr, in the Grand Duchy of Baden.

A French air squadron bombed an aerodrome at Mariakerke.

A British Attack.

London, February 8. A German official announcement states:—The British attacked north-east of Bouchavesnes, but their initial success was equalised by our counter-attack.

BRITISH SHIPPING.

New Programme of Construction.

London, February 7. In the House of Commons, at question time, replying on behalf of the Food Controller, Sir Leo Chalmers Money stated that arrangements were being made to carry out a large and new construction of standardised merchantmen, also the construction of such merchantmen as were already in the course of building. He assured the House that unexpended efforts were being made to utilise the nation's shipbuilding capacity to the utmost, compatible with the needs of the Admiralty.

INDIAN OFFICIALS' WAR SERVICES.

London, February 7. To January 1, 1916, of the Indian officials retired or on leave who offered their services for the war to the India Office, where a Bureau has been established for the purpose of putting applicants into touch with Government Departments, 108 received commissions in the Army and Navy, and 212 are employed in the War Office or Admiralty, the Ministry of Munitions, the India Office or other Departments. Most of the others are doing valuable work in non-official organisations connected with the war. In addition, 183 officers on leave obtained war work independently, and 137 received commissions in the Army or enlisted. The aggregate appointments were 813, out of 912 registered, while 300 non-officials, mostly connected with India, were registered, and a fair percentage had found employment.

ACTIVITY ON THE ITALIAN FRONT.

London, February 7. An Italian official message says:—Enemy attacks on the right bank of the Brenna and on Mount Fraikofel failed.

COTTON MILL RESTRICTIONS WAIVED.

London, February 7. Owing to the scarcity of labour, due to enlistments, the Lancashire cardroom weavers have agreed to relax the rules and allow females and youths to work in the card blowing room.

THE TEA TRADE.

London, February 7. The *Times* learns that the War Office and the tea trade have agreed regarding the tea supply to the Forces. All companies shall tender by the end of this week at rates much below those ruling in London.

It is pointed out that the lower rates for delivery at Calcutta are to some extent justifiable, since the Government will pay rupees which will immediately be available for expenditure by the Companies, who will also not be concerned with freight difficulties.

CANADA'S WAR VOTE.

London, February 8. Reuter's correspondent at Ottawa states that the House of Commons has passed a War Appropriation Bill for \$500,000,000. Parliament has adjourned until April 19 to enable Sir Robert Borden to attend the Imperial Conference.

SUGAR RESTRICTIONS.

London, February 8. The Press Bureau states that the Food Controller prohibits dealings in sugar without a permit outside the United Kingdom, and requires returns of stocks of brewers' sugar and the warehousing of new arrivals thereof. He also prohibits withdrawals without a permit.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on an Extra.]

LIQUOR PROHIBITION.

Shipbuilders' Demand.

London Dec. 18.—On Saturday the shipbuilders and marine engineers on the Clyde decided in favour of total prohibition of the sale of alcoholic liquors as a necessary step for securing efficiency in the shipyards, and sent the following telegram to the Prime Minister:

Meeting of the Clyde and West of Scotland shipbuilders and marine engineers was held to-day to consider, at the request of the Board of Trade, what steps could be taken to accelerate the production of merchant vessels. The meeting was unanimously of opinion that, as the existing war conditions of industry and employment render the attainment of the maximum production of ships and engines impossible, definite and drastic action by the Government is required in order to obtain the conditions under which the Empire's necessity for maximum output can be fulfilled. The first essential step is the immediate total prohibition of the sale of all alcoholic liquor throughout the United Kingdom, applied to all classes and individuals alike, and until this is done further essential steps cannot advantageously be taken.

A continuance of the present inefficiency of national production is viewed with grave apprehension, and the meeting considered that the Government should require the nation to submit to this sacrifice. While, as shipbuilders and engineers, the meeting was chiefly concerned with the beneficial effect that such a step would have on the output of merchant tonnage, it was agreed to direct attention to the large amount of labour, materials, foodstuffs, and means of transport, particularly of shipping transport, so urgently called for, which would be set free for more urgent national requirements. The meeting instructed that the foregoing be transmitted to the Prime Minister.

(Signed) Thomas Bigger, Secretary Shipping and Engineering Employers' Associations, Glasgow.

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TO-DAY.

Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.
New Hongkong Cinematograph—9.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Chinese Y.M.C.A. Building.—Foundation stonelaying at 2.30 p.m.
H.K. Police Reserve.—Inspection and concert.
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.
New Hongkong Cinematograph—9.15 p.m.
Kowloon Land and Building Co.—Shareholders meeting; 11 a.m.
Humphreys' Estate and Finance Co.—Shareholders meeting; noon.
Saturday, February 17.
Hongkong Hotel.—Shareholders meeting at noon.
Saturday, February 24.
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank.—Shareholders meeting at noon.

Monday, February 26.
Race Meeting.—First Day.

Tuesday, February 27.
Race Meeting.—Second Day.

Wednesday, February 28.
Race Meeting.—Third Day.

Thursday, March 1.
Race Meeting.—Fourth Day.

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GENERAL NEWS.

His Six-Sausage Breakfast.
Appealing for her manager at Ashford (Kent) Military Tribunal, the proprietress of a restaurant said there was plenty of money, and people seemed to live for eating. One customer ordered six sausages for breakfast, but she refused, telling him that there were other people who also wanted food.

[The World's Coal Supply.
Professor Letner, one of the experts deputed by the Austrian Government to draw up reports upon after the war problems, estimates that at the present rate of exploitation the coal mines of Great Britain will be exhausted in 720 years, whereas Germany has enough coal for 1,800 years. In the latter computation he includes the coal regions of Belgium and France now occupied by the Germans.]

Riveters' £2 a Day.
It was stated at Cardiff Munitions Court, when nine members of the Boilermakers' Society were summoned for refusing to obey lawful orders, that the men could earn 30s. to £2 a day at the rate offered. Instructed to do riveting work at 37s. 6d. per 100 rivets, the men, it was stated, refused to go on piece work at less than 50s. per 100 rivets. The rate offered had been accepted by the Boilermakers' Society. As there was no direct evidence against five of the men, the summonses against them were dismissed. The other men were fined £2 each.

Japan's Hoard of Gold.
The gold hoards on Japan's account are once more increasing, according to the report of the Finance Department published at Tokyo recently. On January 25, the total value of the metal held stood at ¥711,000,000, an increase by ¥2,000,000 as compared with the previous report published 10 days earlier. This gain is solely due to the inflation of the Bank of Japan's holdings in Japan. The Government holdings are estimated at ¥280,000,000 while the hoards on the account of the Bank of Japan are ¥431,000,000. Of the total ¥225,000,000 only is kept at home and the balance of ¥483,000,000 is kept at London and New York.

A Frenchman's Plea.
Application was made at the City of London Tribunal recently by a Frenchman of seventy-five for an employee who had been with him for twenty years, and whose services he found invaluable. "I have seventeen nephews and my partners fighting," said the applicant. "But look at these papers. Regard the mistakes in grammar owing to assistants who do not know the trade. What can I do?" Asked if he wished to make a still further application if a temporary postponement were granted, the old gentleman replied, excitedly: "No! I do not want to keep him from his duty." The chairman granted a temporary postponement. A member of the tribunal added, "We appreciate your patriotism, and wish you good luck."

Parliament and the Bank of China.
Peking, Feb. 2.—Shortly after the opening of the House of Representatives yesterday a motion was introduced to alter the agenda in order to hear the report of the committee appointed some time ago to investigate the condition of the Bank of China. The motion was then held, which occupied most of the afternoon. A motion was then carried demanding the presence of the Minister of Communications and the Minister of Finance in order that they might answer questions concerning the Bank of China. This motion will be carried into effect at the next meeting. The election of the 13 members for the Joint Commission of the two Houses to settle the Peoli Syndicate Loan question was then held. The House then adjourned.



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THE ENEMIES OF MANKIND.

Yesterday's cables produced quite a crop of incidents illustrating Germany's conception of abiding by her pledged work. Chief amongst them was the sinking of a Danish steamer which was carrying a cargo of maize for the relief of the Belgians, which is in direct contravention of the assurance given to the American and Spanish Ministers at Brussels that relief ships should not be interfered with; the torpedoing, without warning, of the passenger steamer Port Adelaide; and the submarineing of the Peruvian sailing ship Lorton in Spanish territorial waters. These cases are sufficient to show that Germany has definitely pledged herself to the policy of unrestricted submarine warfare, by which she hopes to frighten the Allies into peace and to scare neutrals from taking measures for the protection of the lives and property of their subjects. Up to date—and a week has passed since the new German "blockade" was put into operation—the new frightfulness has not been very fruitful for the enemy, but, apart from the number of ships sunk, the instances which we have quoted suffice to reveal Germany in her self-confessed role of a nation which neither knows nor respects any of the laws of humanity or of civilisation.

If we look a little closely into the cases cited we shall see what sort of a nation Germany is, and what her ideas of playing the game are. To take the instance of the sinking of the relief ship, not only do we find in it a breach of a solemn undertaking—it also means that Germany does not care a rap whether French and Belgian citizens in occupied territory starve or not. Ordinarily there is an obligation on invaders to see to the well-being of the people of occupied soil, but we all know how great the necessity has become in this war for neutral nations to step in and do that which Germany herself has been both unable and unwilling to perform. It has been a distinct relief to Germany to be able to count on such assistance from outside sources, but what can be said of a nation which, when accepting the offer, agreed not to molest the supply ships, and then coolly sends one of these vessels and her precious cargo to the bottom of the sea? Nor is Germany concerned about her pledged word to the United States when one of her submarines torpedoed, without warning, a steamer carrying civilian passengers, as in the case of the Port Adelaide. And as another indication of the value of Germany's professed anxiety to consider neutrals we have the sinking, in the territorial waters of one neutral nation, of a sailing vessel flying the flag of another non-combatant country. Can it be wondered, in face of facts like these, that the world should rise in protest against the German idea of warfare? These three cases alone supply ample justification for all neutral nations to declare war on the enemy of mankind, as, whether the interests of specific countries have been injured or not, they mark a deliberate ignoring of principles which all civilised peoples profess to uphold.

But there is another side to the picture, and that is the vacillating attitude of our enemies, due to their inherent cowardice and the fear of speedy punishment for their sins. For example, the Americans taken prisoner from the Yarrowdale have been released on declaring that they were not aware that armed merchantmen are regarded by Germany as warships! Here we see the fear Germany has of adding to the number of her enemies. And if proof of hypocrisy is required, it can easily be found in the fact that German submarine commanders do not as a rule, before sinking a vessel, interview neutral passengers or seamen who may happen to be aboard. The wriggle is obvious. Then there is the pitiful figure which Count Karolyi cuts when he squeals about the two million Hungarian subjects in America, "whose fate might be serious in the event of war." We have in these incidents, picked at random from a day's telegrams, a true picture of our enemies—bullies at one moment, and abject cowards the next. And so will they go on the edge of the piece. But that end, if we read the signs of the times correctly, is not far off.

The Treacherous Hun.

During the past few days the point must have suggested itself to very many people that some significance is to be attached to the fact that the crews of German steamers interned in American ports have been damaging their vessels to such an extent as to make them unfit for re-joining purposes in the immediate future. If the Germans really believe that the present crisis will not come to an actual breach between their Government and the United States, why should they inflict injury on their own interests in this way? The only reasonable motive which one can ascribe to these German mariners for so doing is that they are convinced that a rupture will take place, and, dog-in-the-manger-like, they argue that, if America is to seize these vessels, she shall not be able to turn them to the immediate use of herself and the Allies generally. But, in the meantime, if war is averted, these individuals have forsooth been rendering a very pretty service to their country! Whether these incidents are to be traced to the belief we have cited, or whether they may be attributed to the inherent mischief-making propensities of the Hun, does not really matter very much. The one point to be kept in mind is that these happenings only show how sharp an eye needs to be kept on the German abroad. If he will do these things in the territory of a nation which is still neutral, to say nothing of the blowing up of bridges, railways and factories, what would he not do, if he had the opportunity, when the neutral nation became a sworn enemy of his country?

A Useful Innovation.

The promoters of the Police Reserve entertainment which is to take place to-morrow night surely deserve a word of commendation for introducing into their programme a boxing display that can be watched by ladies. From the average boxing match women are necessarily barred, in a dozen ways. Often there is heavy betting on one of the contestants, and betting may mean a good deal of excitement, and sometimes a good deal of language. The house, too, may feel called upon to express its opinion of the referee's ruling—to the extent of what, to the average feminine mind, would be practically a riot. At times, moreover, contestants themselves get out of temper—and again things happen. One need not go into detail, but there is every reason why the average man would not care to take his womankind to see the typical fight. But that irreconcilable in novator, the Police Reserve, has seen a way out of the difficulty, whereby ladies can sit and watch all the essentials of the sport as a sport without being in any way annoyed or revolted, and on this matter as well as on many more, we offer it our congratulations.

Wake Up, Reuter.

For what, pray, are the four Hongkong papers paying Reuter a good round sum every year? Is it for special war news and for items of peculiar interest to the Far East, or is it for "descriptive" twaddle, done in best Daily Mailish and for slabs of stuff about Indian politics? It may be that Reuter is a little hazy as to the geographical position of places like the Straits, Hongkong and Shanghai. During a brief sojourn at Home two or three years ago we found quite a number of otherwise well-informed people who were under the impression that Singapore is in India and that Hongkong and Shanghai are so closely related as Liverpool and Birkenhead; and this may account for our friend's thinking that we out here are burning to know the minutest details about Indian affairs. But it does not cover Reuter's other offences: such offences as the sickly blather in yesterday's wires about "throne shrouded in white cloth, almost sepulchral" and so forth. Nor does it excuse the fact that we have never had a word either of confirmation or of denial relative to the Havas statement that the Moewe had been sunk. Nor, again, does it explain why we recently received a Japan wire two days after having received the Tokyo papers containing a full account of the matter in hand.

DAY BY DAY.

WHEN A MAN'S OWN DOG WON'T FOLLOW HIM BEWARE OF THAT MAN.

The Dollar.

The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 4.8/10d.

To-morrow's Anniversary.

To-morrow is the 142nd anniversary of the birth of Charles Lamb.

No Permit.

A Chinese who was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, with exporting a quantity of sulphur without a permit, was fined \$100, or, in default, six weeks' hard labour.

Piano Recital Proceeds.

The proceeds of Mr. Denman Fuller's piano recital given at Government House on Monday last amounted to \$1,000.25 in all, of which the sum of \$145.25 goes to the Scottish Women's Hospitals Fund and the balance to the H.K.W.W. Association.

An Additional Defendant.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, another man was charged in connection with the seizure of 1,400 taels of opium on board the s.s. Sei Kai, the master of which was charged yesterday. The man was remanded until next Wednesday.

"The Elijah."

Practices for "The Elijah" will be held in the Cathedral at 6.15 p.m. on Thursdays during Lent, commencing on Thursday, March 1. Mr. Denman Fuller will be glad to hear from any wishing to help as soon as possible. The performance will take place on Good Friday evening and a collection will be made on behalf of certain deserving War Charities.

Caught by Police Reservist.

A Chinese, of the coolie class, went into a shop in Queen's Road West, yesterday, and said he wanted to buy a jacket. He was shown one, and, while the shop people were doing other business, he ran out of the shop with the jacket. Chase was given but the man succeeded in getting as far as Des Voeux Road, when he was caught by P.S. (R) 67. Before being caught he had thrown the jacket away. When charged before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Magistrate's Court this morning, the man was sentenced to a month's hard labour.

Godown Employee Charged.

A Chinese employed by the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, with stealing a quantity of tinned milk, some isinglass, and salt fish. It was stated by Inspector Gordon that the fish was taken out of a bale which had been broken into, but the other articles could not be traced as missing. They were obviously stolen off a ship. The defendant admitted the theft, but said he took the fish to eat, and not to sell. The case was adjourned until Monday so that his Worship might be given an account of the man's record.

"KISMET."

Net Proceeds of the Production.

After paying all expenses of production, a draft for \$550 sterling has been forwarded to The Lady Cowdray, Hon. Treasurer of the British Women's Hospital "Star and Garter" Building Fund, as the result of the performances of this play, which probably creates a record for theatrical contributions to charities sent from this Colony.

The Committee of the Amateur Dramatic Club take this opportunity to thank all those who assisted in any way in the production, as well as the many firms and business houses who so kindly helped it to arrive at so good a result by free gifts or reduced prices.

CHINESE ENGINEERS.

Their Employment by British Firms.

Professor Middleton Smith, of the Hongkong University, contributes the following article to a recent issue of the Engineer:

Having completed a four years' course of study, the first graduates in engineering of the British University of Hongkong have been seeking what is really "the start in life." About eight weeks after the pass results of the finals were made known, a British firm in the Far East applied to the writer for two assistant civil engineers. This firm suggested that, as the young Chinese graduates had not the advantage of practical experience, they were prepared to offer about ten shillings a week for the first year, fifteen shillings a week for the second, a pound a week for the third, with a place on the permanent staff at the end of that time, if these young engineers, in the expressive phraseology of the Americans, "made good." As many of the graduates in civil engineering in Great Britain usually found it difficult to obtain employment without the payment of a premium—the writer is, of course, thinking of pre-war conditions—the offer seemed good.

An elderly and highly respected Chinese British citizen was consulted, and he advised the writer that the terms offered were not good enough. Indeed he spoke so seriously on the subject that there seemed nothing for it but again to interview the would-be employers of Chinese graduates. These people very kindly agreed that the conditions in China are very different from those which obtained in Britain before the war; and it was on those conditions that they had based their offer. They were anxious to give the new graduates a trial, and would be glad of suggestions as to remuneration from those who had trained them.

This put the writer in rather a dilemma. He quite honestly thought that the original offer was one which any young engineer would be well advised to accept. However, the fact was certain that the Chinese themselves thought that the salary was insufficient. On the one hand, it would be a good thing for the University of Hongkong if this British firm absorbed a couple of graduates in engineering each year, as they possibly might do if they were satisfied with these first two. On the other hand, they must not expect too much from young men, who, while excellent draughtsmen, and reliable as calculators, knew not a great deal about civil engineering. For, after all, while they had had what is believed to be a sound general training in the general principles of engineering work, they had only been introduced to the subjects of surveying, and the design of structures, for a couple of years before graduation, and they had given their attention, during those two years, to other subjects, such as hydraulics and electrical technology.

The firm seemed willing to be generous, and the Chinese seemed to put a considerable value on technical knowledge. Under these circumstances the writer suggested that these young assistant engineers should be paid the equivalent of five pounds a month for the first year; seven pounds ten shillings a month for the second year; and ten pounds a month for the third year. It should be mentioned that the University of Hongkong (funds board and lodging to a Chinese student) for about thirty-six pounds for a whole year. Chinese food is very cheap, and the above fees are calculated so that the University receives a reasonable rate of interest on the capital expenditure for the buildings, after paying all of the running expenses of the colleges, or hostels, in which the students live. It was therefore, reasonable to suppose that the assistant engineer on five pounds a month would be able to keep himself. It was, of course, almost certain that he would be married before graduation, but then, according to the custom of the Chinese, his wife and family would live with his parents.

The offer was duly made by letter to the graduates in civil engineering. The result was unexpected. For various reasons, none of which touched upon the remuneration offered, they all declined. This so astonished the writer that he determined to find out what had happened during the five or six weeks which had elapsed since the results of the finals had become known. He sent for some of these graduates in engineering and exchanged views with them.

The Government Service. At this time—August, 1916—China was in a state of chaos and confusion. After an abortive attempt to found a dynasty, the one strong man in China, Yuan Shih-k'ai, lay dead. The Parliament which he had peremptorily dismissed, two or three years before, was re-assembling in Peking. Its previous performances had been so exasperating to all friends of progress as they were pathetic to all true friends of China. For this Parliament of "young China" had talked and done nothing. It had voted itself much money, and its members had fought bitterly for the spoils of office; but it had never justified its existence. It was re-assembling in Peking. The Treasury was empty; the Powers seemed disinclined to allow European bankers to advance money. In Canton, not a hundred miles from Hongkong, murder and looting and piracy and fighting between Chinese troops were things of daily occurrence. In spite of this untidy state of affairs, the main object of these young graduates in civil engineering seemed to be to enter the service of the Government. They all wanted to become servants of the Ministry of Communications. Apparently two of them had already done so, and their friends told the story, which seemed incredible, that the Ministry valued the services of these two young men at twenty pounds a month for the first year. It may be remarked that this division of the Government deals with the railways of China.

There are 5,701,470 kiloms. of Government railways in the Republic of the Far East. About 90 per cent. is above Yangtse River. For each mile of railway there are in China 458 square miles of land, and 106,711 people, as compared with 40 square miles and 8,600 people in India. Of the revenue from these Chinese railways for the first six months of 1915, about 50 per cent. went to cover the cost of operation, 30 per cent. to cover interest and other charges, while 20 per cent. was at the disposal of the Government. It is particularly noticeable that the "general expenses" are 18.13 per cent., while in the United States they vary from 3.72 to 10.20 per cent. of the total operating expenses. One has a vague feeling that if the Chinese railways were managed and administered on the same general principles as the Maritime Customs of the country, the "general expenses" would be reduced, and money at the disposal of the Government would be increased. It cannot be considered as tending to national economy for any Government department to pay a graduate, however brilliant, a salary of twenty pounds a month for the first year after graduation.

The Old Idea. It is not only in engineering work, but in almost all of the walks of life for which a University career trains a man, that the aim and object of graduates is the Government service. China already possesses so many office-seekers that, whatever Government is in power, Peking seems to have more people waiting for a change of Government in the hope of employment, than there are holders of appointments. It may be that the old system of examinations for Government posts make the Chinese still associate study with official positions. It may be that there are so many well-known instances of the "get rich quickly" methods of the past few years in the Government service that ambitious young men hope to have similar chances. It will take a long time to change the conviction still firmly rooted among the Chinese, that a man may profitably only serve his country in the Government service.

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TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

It is a reminder of the length of the war to the name of Julius Caesar in the honours list, says the Daily News. As a fact, Lieutenant Julius Hildebrandt Caesar, of the Shropshire Light Infantry, has been awarded the Military Cross. There was a famous Surrey cricketer named Julius Caesar in the sixties; he was a member of the Oval team which beat All England. A tale is told of an occasion when the crowd round the ropes were, in the usual way, discussing the merits of rival counties. One enthusiast referred to "the time when Julius Caesar played for Surrey." "Garn! Who're you gettin' at?" replied an indignant listener. The most famous Julius Caesar, other than the original, was Sir Julius, born at Tottenham in 1557, who was a judge under Elizabeth, and after a distinguished legal career was appointed Master of the Rolls by James I. in 1614. He was a predecessor of Mr. Bonar Law as Chancellor of the Exchequer, though the office did not mean quite the same thing in the those days.

The spirit of a free people, although overwhelmed by the Hun, is not destroyed, says the Globe, and it is interesting to learn from the bulletin of the Imperial Institute that, in spite of the fact that almost the whole of Belgium is in German occupation, the Belgian Government continue to carry on the work of developing the economic resources of their vast African colony, the Belgian Congo. The quarterly "Bulletin Agricole du Congo Belge" is published by the Ministère des Colonies Belges at their temporary quarters in London. Products are being sent from the colony for examination, and inquiries relating to tropical agriculture are received. As the Belgian authorities have not their original facilities for dealing with products or inquiries as in the splendid institute which the late king built in the wood at Soignies, the Imperial Institute is affording assistance.

Should the candidature of the Austrian Archduke Stephen to the Regency or to the Throne of the new Kingdom of Poland be persisted in, says the Daily News, it would be another straw to mark the freshening wind between Vienna and Berlin; for no one, despite the Archduke's Polish blood, can imagine that the claim can be grateful to Germany. There are signs, indeed, even discounting the statement which has already appeared in print that the German peace offer originated in the Ballplatz, that the situation in Austria could we know more about it would shed a great deal of light on Bethmann-Hollweg's dramatic announcement.

Records of those who have fought or are fighting for their country may be found in unexpected places nowadays, says the Chronicle. A railway carriage, that since the war began must have made innumerable journeys to and from a nameless airport, bears inside it, on the white painted boards of its roof, an intricate but orderly record of the fighting men it has carried. The tale begins on a certain date in 1914:—"O Company, Dashedshire Regiment, To France." There are no names, but a long list of companies and regiments follows this first inscription, each bearing a later date than the one before, and the words "Same direction" coming after each record. Those who make a hobby of scribbling on blank spaces wherever they find them do not often dignify the space they use, but these records are a different affair. It is to be hoped that when spring-cleaning time comes, the railway companies will spare the places where our soldiers have thus "written themselves up."

The Anchor Case.

The former First Officer of the s.s. Huns, who is charged with stealing two ships' anchors, was before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Magistrate's Court this morning, on a formal remand. On the application of Mr. F. O. Jenkins, who is defending, the next hearing was fixed for next week.

CHINESE ENGINEERS.

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Thus it has come about that the civil engineering graduate in China values his services at about ten pounds a month, as a minimum. He explains that a medical student can command that salary as soon as he has received his M. B. degree. He says that a Chinese graduate of a foreign university, who enters business with a Chinese firm in the treaty ports, is paid at least ten pounds a month. One of our graduates in civil engineering has joined a Hongkong Chinese firm of contractors. He is probably the only member of the firm who can read and write and speak both English and Chinese fluently. Some of these local native contractors undertake work involving very large sums of money. There are large reclamation schemes, water supply projects, and railway construction in and around the colony of Hongkong. It is probable that the graduate with this firm is the only person in it who can make a proper drawing, who can calculate steel work, or who knows anything of surveying or the theory of structures. He will, almost certainly, one day be a wealthy contractor himself. It is not unlikely that he is paid two or three times as much as the graduate in England who leaves college with a degree, but only one language.

The First Graduates.

It will probably interest the readers of this journal to know that, of the thirty-seven undergraduates in engineering who entered the University of Hongkong in 1912, about one-third of that number have reached the required standard for graduation. The course takes four years to complete. A majority of students will probably take five years to pass all of the examinations. All of the engineering students take the degree of B.Sc. (Eng.), but in their fourth year they specialise on subjects bearing directly upon civil, mechanical, or electrical engineering.

The majority of the engineering students take up the first named branch. This is not altogether unexpected, as China is an undeveloped country, and there is such a banking after the Government service. The mechanical engineering students seem inclined to go abroad for further study in mining or in shipbuilding work, neither of which is included in the curriculum at Hongkong. The graduates in electrical engineering have been attracted to the large works in America, where special facilities are given to them. It is quite useless, while the war continues, to urge them to go to Britain, for they will not take any risk. Nor does it seem likely that they would be admitted to the works now under Government control.

Good Prospects.

It seems extremely probable that all of these graduates in engineering from Hongkong will be very successful in accumulating wealth. They cannot graduate until they have reached a standard very much higher than that of other technical institutions in China. Comparatively speaking, they are well equipped. They, all of them, seem to possess, almost as a national instinct, commercial genius. They will become agents for firms in Britain or America, but they will expect a good reward for their labour. They will explain to their friends and relatives that money invested in engineering schemes in China is usually very productive of interest. They will point out the methods of utilising water power; the advantages of electricity, and the opportunities for machinery to replace manual labour.

It is an axiom that China is a country in which the impossible and unexpected happens. The country contains such a wealth of natural resources that bad government and anarchy does not prevent great increases in the exports and imports. In twenty years—from 1891 to 1911—the growth was 300 per cent. A full half of the whole was British. It is only seventy-five years ago that Hongkong was a home of pirates

REMOVAL OF BRANDY.

Wing On Company Fined for a Technical Offence.

The Wing On Company was summoned before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Magistracy this morning, for a breach of the conditions of a permit obtained under the Liquors Ordinance.

Mr. J. Lloyd, Superintendent of Imports and Exports, appeared to prosecute, and Mr. F. B. L. Bowley defended. A technical offence was admitted.

The facts of the case, as outlined by Mr. Lloyd, were that on February 2 the Company obtained a permit to remove 28 cases of brandy—equivalent to 56 gallons—from the general bonded warehouse at Kowloon to the S.S. Childer, which was loading at West Point for Swatow. Under the conditions of the permit, the brandy should have been taken straight to the ship, and have reached the vessel before 6 p.m. As a matter of fact, the sampans carrying the goods went over to Hongkong and stayed by the side of the French Canton boat pier all night, the brandy being taken ashore and stored in the Company's premises. Early the next morning it was put back on the sampans, and it was there that it was found by Revenue Officer Dawson.

His Worship:—It means that the taking of the brandy on board was delayed beyond the time allowed.

Mr. Bowley explained that the Company received an order for 28 cases of brandy to be shipped on board the ship, and they at once obtained a permit, and sent a sampan to convey the goods. As a matter of fact, the sampans did not leave Kowloon until nearly five o'clock, and then came across to Hongkong to get the cases roped into four, as was the usual custom. By this time it had got too late to take them to the ship, and it was also too late to notify the Permit Office. The cases were then taken to the Company's store and put under lock for the night. As they were anxious to get the stuff on board in time, they were going to send it straight to the ship early the following morning, but the Revenue Officer discovered the goods whilst they were on the sampans. It was purely a technical offence.

Mr. Lloyd pointed out that the danger of allowing spirits to be on shore all night was that the spirit could be extracted from the bottles and a substitute put in. No-one would know until the goods reached their destination, and then it could be said that the goods had been bronched on board. That made it possible for people to get spirits into the Colony without duty being paid. That was the danger, and they were anxious that the practice should be put a stop to. He asked for the confiscation of the spirit, which was valued at \$700. His Worship declined to make an order for confiscation, thinking that it was purely a technical offence which had arisen through circumstances. He imposed a fine of \$100.

and a barren island. The colony now contains half a million law-abiding Chinese, and it is said to deal with a greater volume of shipping than any other port in the world. Despite impending national bankruptcy, official corruption, anarchy, and revolutions, the Chinese merchant increases his trade and his wealth. He is becoming alive to the great importance of modern science as an aid to the development of the material resources of his country. He is demanding better facilities for transport, wider opportunities for trading inland, and Western education for his children. In spite of the chaos in the government of the country, the trade prospects in China are quite good. When the war is over this vast country will be able to absorb a great deal of the engineering products of the factories of Great Britain.

ELECTRIC LIGHT DUTIES.

Selected Volunteers and Volunteer Reserves.

To-day's Volunteer Orders state that the undermentioned Volunteers have been selected for instruction in electric light duties and will attend at Volunteer Headquarters on Saturday, 10th instant, at 5.00 p.m. for further orders. Must be worn. Captain Russell and the Mechanist instructors will attend:—Corps. A. J. W. Rosser, L. M. Whyte, W. E. L. Shenton, L. S. Greenhill, R. S. Vergette, Fies. F. W. S. Evans, Syme Thomson, Findlay Smith, I. Grant Smith, W. A. Cornell, E. G. Smith, O. B. Layton, A. H. G. Jackson, M. M. Mass, H. J. Nairn, G. H. Piercy, J. Rodger, R. A. Wilkinson, W. E. Mansfield, W. Manning, A. H. Crew, L. A. Barton, O. Woodhead, J. Dickson, D. J. Brown, A. Simmonds, R. J. Rawlinson, T. Miller, J. D. Dick, T. O. Nixon.

The undermentioned members of the H. K. V. R. have been selected for instruction in electric light duties and will attend at the Volunteer Headquarters on Saturday, the 10th inst. at 5 p.m. Must be worn:—Lee, Cpls. J. B. Thomson and S. Lack, Ptes. D. A. G. Allison, J. H. Barr, F. A. Brown, A. Hamilton, F. C. Hurley, A. W. Miller, D. Murphy, A. G. Fife, P. Tester, W. Weir, W. Wotherspoon, W. J. Woodman.

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GODOWN FIRE.

A Blaze on the Praya.

A rather serious fire occurred in the early hours of this morning at Kennedy Town. The fire first broke out at 5, The Praya, which is a three-storied building, the ground and first floors of which are used as a godown by the Yee On Wo import and export firm of 11, Des Vœux Road West. The second floor was vacant.

Although the Fire Brigade was prompt in arriving and worked well to confine the flames, the next building became involved and the first and second floors of both houses were gutted. Owing

to the hard work of the Brigade, the flames, which were very fierce, did not spread farther, and the Brigade was able to leave at 8.30 this morning, though the premises were still smouldering.

Sergeant Sutton was slightly hurt when part of the roof fell in, and he had a very narrow escape from severe injury.

At present the cause of the fire is unknown, there being nobody living on the premises at the time. The goods at No. 5 were insured in four insurance offices for \$35,000, and the goods in No. 4, which is also a godown, are insured for \$25,000.

The actual amount of damage is not yet calculated, but it is certain that it will be a large sum, for there was a lot of goods in the godowns at the time.

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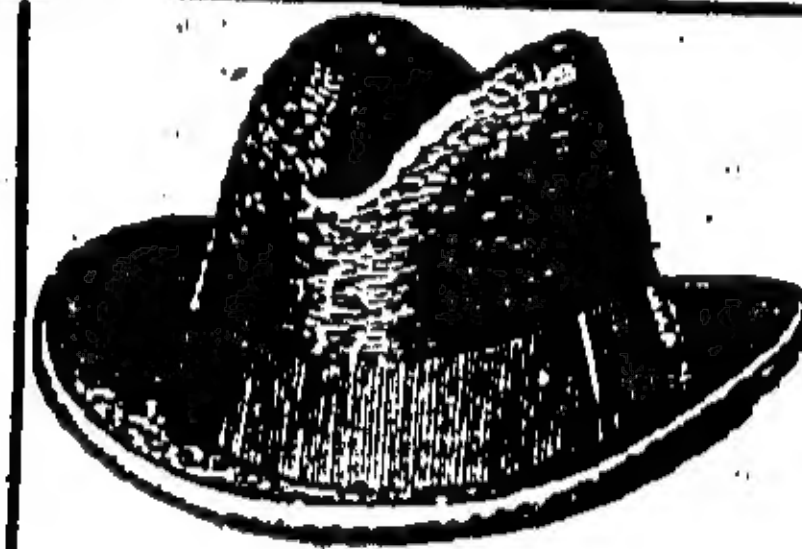
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SHANGHAI and Kobe.	Miyazaki Maru Capt. Teranaka T. 16,000	MON., 12th Feb. at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI, Kobe and Yokohama.	Kitano Maru Capt. F. E. Cope T. 16,000	THURS., 22nd Feb. at 10 a.m.
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NINGPO & SHANGHAI	Kiukiang	10th Feb. at d'light
SHANGHAI	Wenchow	10th Feb. at noon
SHANGHAI	Yingchow	11th Feb. at d'light
SWATOW/BANGKOK	Changchow	11th Feb. at noon
PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	Sungkiang	13th Feb. at 10 a.m.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	Chinhua	14th Feb. at noon
SHANGHAI	Sinkiang	15th Feb. at 4 p.m.
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MANILA	Loongsang	Sat., 10th Feb. at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI via Swatow	Kwongsang	Sun., 11th Feb. at d'light
HAIPHONG	Loksang	Sun., 11th Feb. at 7 a.m.
MANILA	Yuehsang	Sat., 17th Feb. at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	Hinsang	Wed., 21st Feb. at noon.

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TIENSHIN LINE.—A regular service is run from March to October between Hongkong and Tientsin, calling at Weihaiwei and Otsu.

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COMMERCIAL NEWS.

Nippon Oil Dividend.

The Nippon Oil Co. realised a much larger profit for the latter half of last year, owing to the general increase in the prices of commodities. At the general meeting held at the end of January, Mr. Naito, the president, recommended the distribution of a bonus at 10 per cent. per annum, beside an ordinary dividend at 2 1/2 per cent. per annum, partly in view of the great increase in the profit netted and partly in celebration of the thirtieth anniversary of the company's foundation. The proposal received the hearty approval of the proprietors present. After freely providing for other items in the account, the company had still a surplus of Yen 1,360,962 which was ordered to be carried forward to next term.

Oil Imports at Antung.

The annual import of petroleum oil at Antung is put at about 200,000 cases, roughly valued at Yen 1,200,000. The imports consisted almost exclusively of American oil till some Japanese product began to appear on the Antung market toward the end of 1915. Something like 20,000 cases of Japanese oil were imported in 1916. The Japanese oil companies, such as the Nippon Petroleum Oil Co., the Hoden Petroleum Oil Co., etc., are said to be preparing themselves to operate in the field this year to exploit a fresh market for their outputs. Consequently, says the "Manchurian Daily News," an acute competition between the foreign and Japanese companies is expected to ensue, resulting in a decline of prices.

Shanghai Piece Goods.

Shanghai Feb. 3.—Market conditions generally are in a satisfactory state considering that the Chinese New Year holidays are not yet actually passed, and although little business is doing and prices are somewhat lower, the condition is perfectly normal as following new year. The future outlook is a bright one, the country is at peace and with no disturbing clouds worth mentioning on the horizon, and all signs point to good times for China. Merchants generally express confidence in the Government at Peking, and political talk is seldom heard in commercial circles. Rice is cheaper and more plentiful than it has been for many years; that means much, as people whose stomachs are full of rice are not trouble-makers and the absence of trouble promotes business. As the holidays are commonly observed until the 15th day of the new year, that is next Tuesday, the markets are not in full swing this week, as many merchants and dealers are still in the country. The auctions were poorly attended in consequence, and as orders from interior points were totally lacking, the business transacted locally was not great and there was a falling off in prices all round. This was not unlooked-for and it was expected that this week's sales would be more or less complimentary new year business. Auctions were resumed a week earlier this year than last, so the holiday was curtailed to that extent, but it will not be until the week after next that the market will get into full action again. Then, it is predicted, there will be quite a different tone as the country is short of stocks that must be replaced. The undertone of the outside market is very firm and sales of greys and whites have been made a few caudrons higher than at the close of the year. Comparatively there were few dealers in attendance at the auctions, and the buying was mostly by optimistic brokers with speculative inclinations. Prices were slightly lower all round at Kuangping's opening sale of the year. The sale comprised 350 packages only, but next Tuesday 480 packages will be offered in expectation of increased demand. At Ewo's sale woollens and venetians were slightly up, but there was a slight fall in other lines, the market on the whole being on the easy side. There was also slight weakness at the larger Yuenfong sale, where 400 packages were put up. Blacks fell off so much as 1 1/2 mace and greys and whites were about a mace lower. The exciting flight of exchange has doubtless affected the markets to an extent, and it is said that some Chinese have been holding off with the expectation of seeing a four shilling rise. Money is again extremely tight and while the native banks are said to be well supplied they are not readily parting with the metal even when borrowers are willing to pay the high interest rates asked. Some foreign banks have borrowed from native banks to a considerable extent during the week.

TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph"]

FLEMISH AUTONOMY.

London, February 8.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam, the German papers state that a Council has been formed in Brussels for the purpose of considering steps for the introduction of full autonomy for the Flemish people.

BREAD TICKETS IN GREECE.

London, February 8.
Reuter's correspondent at Athens says that bread tickets are now being issued.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT'S NEW POWERS.

London, February 8.
Reuter's correspondent at Paris says that in the Senate the Government has introduced a Bill empowering the taking over of buildings and any other enterprise.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

Lively Artillery Activity.

London, February 8.
A French communique states that there was fairly lively artillery activity in the sectors at Morthomme, Louvemont and Les Chabretyes.

British Capture Grandcourt.

London, February 8.
Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports that as a result of continuous pressure on both banks of the Ancre the enemy was forced to evacuate Grandcourt, which is now entirely in our possession, with the defensive works adjoining, along with some prisoners.
The enemy's attempted raid at night-time at Gueudecourt broke down under our barrage.
We raided the lines to the south-west of La Bassée last night and killed a number of Germans, destroyed their dugouts and took prisoners.
There were many air fights.
Three German aeroplanes were driven down and damaged. Two of ours are missing.

AN ADMIRALTY APPOINTMENT.

London, February 8.
An Admiralty announcement states that Lord Lytton has been appointed an additional Parliamentary Secretary, representing the Admiralty in the House of Lords.

BRITISH TRADE RETURNS.

London, February 8.
The increase in exports is £10,103,375, and in imports £15,929,570, as compared with January of last year.

AMERICA AND GERMANY.

Washington, February 8.
A Washington message says the Senate has ratified the severance of relations with Germany by 78 votes to 5.

HOW TO FACE SEA RISKS.

"Respectable and Comfortable" Maxims.

"Trust the British seaman to pull you through if anyone can." Every Transatlantic passenger must feel that as he steps ashore, whether he land at a port in the United States, Canada, or England. One such passenger who has just reached Liverpool after spending 12 days in a tortuous but safe passage from New York is loud in his praise of the British man at the helm and on the bridge of the Transatlantic steamer in these perilous days. He hands us an invaluable set of precepts which the captain himself drew up and caused to be given to every passenger on embarking. It may be noted that this captain was only a month ago a survivor from a British liner sent to the bottom by a German mine. The precepts read:—

As a matter of precaution, when you retire to-night I should advise you to take off your boots only and keep them handy.

Place your pocket-books and valuables in the pockets of your warm coats and hang them up in a convenient place.

Should the alarm be sounded (four short blasts on the whistle) put on your warm clothes and lifebelts and go quietly and quickly to your boats and wait for orders. Don't commence to scream, as it gets on one's nerves. I do not anticipate any trouble. This is only a necessary precaution, as when savages are on the war-path one has to be prepared for them.

The general alarm signal is four short blasts on the steam whistle, repeated several times, when everybody on the ship—passengers and crew—must run to their boat stations in as short a time as possible.

The officers and sailors must stand by the boats on "A" deck and be prepared to lower the boats. The passengers and rest of the crew are to fall in on "B" deck, opposite their respective boats, without orders. The chief and fourth officers are to superintend the lowering of the boats on the port side. As several accidents have taken place in lowering boats in a time of emergency, no boats are to be lowered except under the superintendence of the officers. The boats are not to be lowered down in a hurry, but every boat is to be filled with passengers and crew and lowered down one at a time on each side of the ship, in an efficient and safe manner, under the supervision of the officers.

The captain expects all officers to see all boats lowered on their respective sides of the ship in a safe manner, and report to him on the bridge when the ship will be abandoned.

The captain expects everybody to keep cool, and not to do such silly things as jumping overboard, &c.

The people who make a rush for the boats on the first alarm are generally the ones who lose their lives, and the cool ones, who keep back, usually leave the ship in a respectable, comfortable manner.—Canadian Gazette.

WAR COMFORTS.

More Gifts from Hongkong Ladies.

At the Committee Meeting of the Hongkong Association of Women War Workers held on the 7th inst. it was reported that the different departments had sent the following articles to Queen Mary's Needlework Guild:—

From the Peak Club, through Mrs. Sandemann.—2,646 rolled bandages, 48 many-tail bandages, 22 stump bandages, 5 eye bandages.

From the St. Patrick's Hall, through Mr. Jordan.—3,090 rolled bandages, 8 many-tail bandages, 300 swabs, 10 wash cloths, 5 shirts.

From Kowloon, through Mrs. Beckwith.—1,463 rolled bandages, 31 many-tail bandages, 27 eye bandages, 10 prs. socks, 6 caps, 1 Balalaeva helmet, 438 swabs.

From the City Hall.—248 shirts, 12 dressing gowns, 10 waistcoats, 4 pillows, 10 surgical shirts, 56 bed jackets, 14 prs. pyjamas, 57 vests, 5 prs. invalid boots, 12 scrubbers, 24 milk covers, 80 mops, 85 mufflers, 138 prs. socks, 58 knee caps, 4 prs. cuffs, 8 caps, 2 mittens.

The following are extracts from a letter received by the Executive Committee of the Hongkong Association of Women War Workers, from Dr. Price Mitchell, C.M.O., No. 17 British Ambulance Trained Force, dated December, 1916:—"Your two splendid parcels have just arrived. We are on our way to the base to unload, and have been lucky enough to pick up our post bag on the way. It is most good of you to have favoured us with such useful gifts; both stockings and caps are beautifully worked. The nurses say they are the best work they have seen since the war. We have a great demand for long stockings especially since the 'trench feet' season has set in, and, apart from surgical cases, for the Ketties with rheumatism."

"The parcel contained 14 dozen large knitted stockings, 14 dozen caps and 4 dozen smaller stockings. The splendid gift is as timely as it is useful, and we are more than grateful to the Hongkong ladies for so excellent a specimen of their work, apart from their generous forethought."

CRICKET.

K.C.C. "A" v. H.K.C.C.

To be played on Saturday at 2.15 p.m. on the K.O.C. ground. The K.C.C. team will be:—J. P. Robinson, B. D. Evans, J. V. Bragg, W. H. Stapleton, H. Overy, A. O. Brown, E. J. Edwards, F. W. Wood, Dr. C. Forsyth, J. H. Mead and A. R. F. Raven.

Craigengower v. Navy.

The following will represent Craigengower against the Navy to-morrow, on the Craigengower ground, commencing at 2.15 p.m.:—L. A. Rose, R. G. Southerton, D. Goodall, B. W. Bradbury, F. G. Thompson, J. S. Graham, R. Pestonji, D. K. Kharsa, S. Jex, J. D. Norris and F. Schneepel. Reserve:—R. Bass and M. Abbas.

POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued to-day by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, D.S.P. (Reserve) state:—

Inspection. All Staff Inspectors are required to obtain swords and belts and wear same. They will take position in line 15 paces to the rear of the flag.

Headquarters' Club.

A meeting of the General Committee will take place at 5.45 p.m. on Wednesday, February 14. All Inspectors are invited to attend.

Police School.

Monday, February 12.—Class III (Inspector Grant). Tuesday, February 13.—Class I (Inspector Gerrard). Thursday, February 15.—Class II (Inspector Gordon).

MADE A MISTAKE.

European Fined for Assaulting a Chinese.

At the Police Court this morning, before Mr. J. R. Wood, Herbert L. Stainfield, employed at Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Company, and living at Saifee Terrace, Kowloon, was summoned by a Chinese employed in the Public Works Department for assault, on February 1.

The story of the complaint was that he was waiting outside 4, Saifee Terrace, Nathan Road, Kowloon, for his master, who lived on the second floor, when the defendant came out of the house. There was a private ricksha and a bicycle outside the house, and he was looking at these when the defendant came up to him and struck him in the face, making his nose bleed. Defendant struck him about ten times. Witness saw when defendant was told who he (complainant) was, he said he had made a mistake, for he thought he was a thief.

Evidence was also given by another P.W.D. man, who corroborated what the complainant had said.

Defendant's story was that he had left his bicycle outside his house whilst he went in toiffin. When he came out, he saw the complainant standing by watching the bicycle and the ricksha. Complainant then touched them both, and witness, who had previously missed two bicycle bells from his machine, thought the man was a thief. He took hold of complainant, and asked him what he wanted, and the man used bad language and was very cheeky. Witness then struck him twice in the face with his open hand, the man's nose bled a little. Just then another European, who lived at the top of the house, came out and said that the man was a P.W.D. foreman, and was waiting for him. Witness then saw that he had made a mistake and he apologised to the man, helping him to "clean up."

His Worship thought the complainant should have accepted the defendant's apology, and imposed a nominal fine of \$1.

MILITARY LEAVE.

Volunteer and Volunteer Reserve Order.

To-day's Volunteer and Volunteer Reserve Orders indicate that until further orders, leave of absence from the Colony exceeding seven days' duration will not be granted to any officer or other member of the force except:—

(a) On business.
(b) On urgent private affairs.
(c) On medical certificate.
(d) For purposes of health (e.g. for a change after prolonged residence in the Far East).

All applications for leave must state:—(1) name, (2) employment, (3) rank, (4) age, (5) period since last leave outside Asia, (6) reason for application, (7) special circumstances, if any, connected with the application.

Forms of application for leave can be obtained from the adjutants.

FORMER CANTON OFFICIAL.

Alleged Embezzlement of Loan Funds.

At the Police Court this morning, before Mr. J. R. Wood, an application for extradition was made by Mr. G. N. Orme against a former Canton official, on the ground that he had embezzled \$40,000, part of the Canton Domestic Loan issued in 1915. Only evidence of arrest was given, and the case was adjourned.

GERMAN INFAMIES IN E. AFRICA.

Foul Treatment of Prisoners.

With the arrival at Home of the first Englishmen and Englishwomen who have been prisoners of the Germans in East Africa since the outbreak of war, and who were released when the Belgians captured Tabora, a picture in proper perspective is available of the foul treatment meted out to them by the Germans, says the Times. The record of the degradation to which English civil and military prisoners were subjected, and of the horrible experiences of English ladies as revolting as any in the history of German Kultur. The specific purpose was to discredit British prestige in Africa and to make the English appear before the natives as slaves of Germany. So strongly is this felt that a formal petition, accompanied by sworn statements, has been sent to General Smuts to hold a commission of inquiry into a course of conduct many details of which are too loathsome to be made public, but the knowledge of which will at once show the impossibility of the German ever being allowed to return, to their colony.

Among those who returned home a few days ago is the Rev. E. F. Spanton, Principal of St. Andrew's College Zanzibar, who was on a tour of school inspection in the German colony on the outbreak of war. In conversation with Reuter's representative Mr. Spanton said:—

The real point is that the Germans from the first did their best to destroy British prestige. They were brutal and cruel in the prosecution of a deliberate policy to this end. They made both civilian and military prisoners do the lowest kind of work in order that they might lose caste before the Africans. For great distances throughout Africa the news was passed that we were German slaves. This was drummed into the people on every opportunity and by all kinds of propaganda, and even the native German soldiers referred to us as slaves.

British prisoners in the scantiest of clothing were set to pull a lorry through the streets—work usually done by oxen—in full view of the jeering natives. And one could see an English university graduate hoeing up a native garden patch or a wealthy rubber planter clearing out native latrines. All this has had a great effect on the native mind, and the news of the degradation of British and other European men and women, flashed as it has been across Africa, is a source of wonder to tribes hundreds of miles distant.

The commandant at Tabora was a man who had been warned by the German Government on account of his brutality, of which he had been officially convicted. He was once publicly horse-whipped by a German servant, yet he was appointed officer in charge of the prisoners' camp at Tabora. The same plan was followed in the case of the ladies' camp at Kiboriani. The man placed in charge here bore such a character that the local chiefs sent their wives and daughters out of the country. His own wife had committed suicide as a result of his vile conduct, and he was deliberately chosen to take charge of ladies of gentle birth and education.

At Tabora 86 of us—men of all nationalities and stations in life—were herded in a corrugated shed which was so crowded that the beds touched one another. Sanitation there was none, and as we were locked up at 7 at night until 6 the next morning the conditions were awful. The Germans made native soldiers with loaded rifles march up and down inside the shed all night. It is quite clear that from a military point of view the sentries were useless—it was only meant as another degradation for us, for one could not imagine a greater outrage than to place a native guard in a white man's bedroom. The ladies were required to do their own housework and also six hours' work for the Government every day. They protested against being set to tasks which would mean the loss of their sanity, and were threatened with his actual feelings.

GERMAN FOOD CRISIS.

"Surprising" Shortage of Milk.

The German papers have a great deal more to say about food than about "peace." The most prominent subject of all is the scarcity of milk.

Preliminary announcements are made of an increase of a half-penny a quart in the price of milk in Berlin, and of the impending reduction of the ration of butter and fats. The official explanation is that there has been "a surprising falling off" in the production of milk, the reason being that the supplies of fodder with which the farmers endeavoured during the past year to maintain their stock of milk cattle are now exhausted, and this year's fodder has been so spoilt by the wet summer that, although the cattle "look splendid," the quantity of milk is decreasing. A second reason is said to be that the farmers need large quantities of skim milk, which is now the only food for calves. There is said to be no prospect of any considerable quantities of skim milk being available for the towns.

The Berliner Tageblatt asks angrily how an increase in the price of milk will improve matters, and suggests that it is only another concession to the agrarians.

A series of questions to be asked in the Hessian Diet by the Deputy for Mainz are eloquent. They assert that the daily supply of milk to the town of Mainz has been reduced since the beginning of December from 14,000 quarts to 4,000 quarts, whereas the normal consumption before the war was about 40,000 quarts, and at least 13,000 quarts a day are necessary in order to secure the fixed rations of whole milk for sick persons, nursing mothers, and little children alone.

Vorwarts published the other day a special list of Berlin grievances. It says that large quantities of potatoes have been spoilt by storage in damp cellars, and that enormous quantities of preserved food of all kinds have been spoilt owing to improper preparation. Quantities of fish have had to be used as dogs' food, and a large instalment of "goulash" imported from Denmark has been found useless at Hamburg. The women of Berlin complain that potatoes and other foods are often frozen or otherwise spoilt, and that, as any one shop will only part with potatoes to the amount covered by a single potato ticket, "many families are standing perpetually before the shops or running from one dealer to another, so that their tickets may not get cut off date; and the potato queues are getting ever longer and more numerous." There are also many complaints about the jam.

confinement with bread-and-water.

While being conveyed from one camp to another 30 English ladies, nine Englishmen, and about 40 native prisoners were shut up in an iron railway shed (again without the slightest pretence of sanitation) for one whole night and most of the next day. The natives were not allowed to go out under any pretext, while for many hours the Englishmen and women were refused facilities for the ordinary necessities of life.

On another occasion a caravan of men and women were sent on a long march of 19 days, under escort. It was pointed out that in the interests of decency tents must be provided for the ladies. Although these were obtainable, the officer applied to refused permission, and replied:—"What have English women to do with decency?"

As soon as the Germans began to see that their colony was going grievance were redressed. When the advancing Belgians were 50 miles from Tabora the German attitude had completely changed. The Belgians behaved splendidly to the Germans on entering Tabora—a great contrast to the manner in which the latter had behaved to us. One Belgian officer said to me:—"I have seen my father, mother, and brothers massacred in Flanders, and my sister outraged." One can imagine the difficulty in which such a man would be placed under the circumstances in representing his actual feelings.

CO-OPERATIVE STORE AT THE FRONT.

Immense Success of A French Innovation.

The Daily Chronicle special correspondent, Mr. G. H. Parris, writes:—

With the French Armies.—It was in a picturesque glen of the Argonne Forest that I first found one of the co-operative stores that are being rapidly multiplied, and are materially helping to soften the conditions of winter life in the French armies. In a hollow under the trees, less than a mile behind the line of fire, two large wooden sheds had been set up, one for the shop and store, the other for living quarters of the dozen men employed. The heart of an enthusiast of Balloon Street, Manchester, would have leaped with joy to see the groups of poilus carrying away their purchases, and to hear from the manager proof of the immense success of the experiment.

This particular store had been open for only six weeks, and had done business in that period to the extent of £8,000, and is now selling over £300 worth of goods a day. Hitherto, to supplement their bread, meat, and other necessary rations and their ordinary equipment, the men were dependent upon remittances from town and the occasional visits of extortionate pedlars. They and their officers can now get any permitted article through the co-operative store at prices which, I was assured, are commonly below those of the Paris shops.

The managers are, of course, soldiers who have had in civil life special trading experience, and they take a proper pride in being able to buy advantageously and so sell good stuff at low prices. It was very strange to find, in this forest clearing, under gunfire of the enemy and a hundred miles from any considerable town, piles of green vegetables, various preserves, cheeses and wines, carp, lobsters, oysters and shrimp, ironmongery and clothing, pencils, toothbrushes, can de Cologne and a hundred little comforts within reach of the most modest purse.

Since then I have seen other stores, smaller and larger; and they are all doing an excellent work on a sound method. The division, being the smallest military unit in war time, was taken as the basis of organisation; and presently every division will have not only a central co-operative store, but a network of branches.

The original funds were advanced out of savings from the company food allowances. After the repayment of these advances, and the setting aside of a small sum against accident (the manager cited above explained that his shed might be bombarded and destroyed any day), profits are limited to 3 or 4 per cent. of the purchase price. The accounts are supervised by a high divisional officer, and remaining profits are distributed in aid of the families of needy soldiers, and in bonuses to the company "ordinaries" which occupy the position of the original shareholders of an ordinary co-operative society.

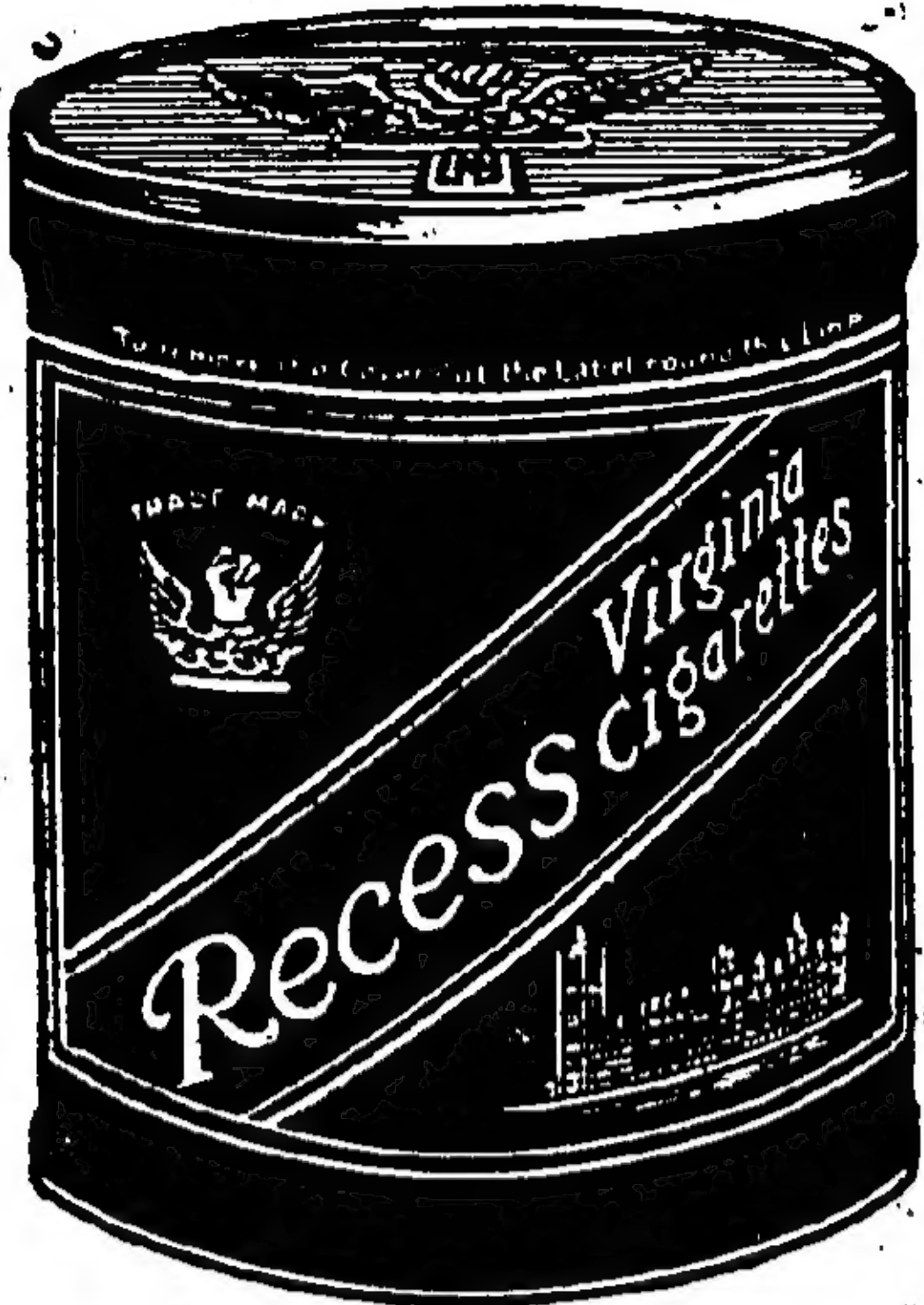
It has been found necessary to put a certain limit on purchases made in Paris, Lyons, and other parts of the interior of the country, because they were becoming so large as to affect prices to civilian purchasers. Young as it is, the system may now be regarded as firmly founded, and assured of a great extension. The co-operative stores of one army corps are doing over \$5,000 of business per month, those of another army corps turned over \$24,000 from August 20 to September 26, those of another corps are selling \$120 worth of goods daily, and those of another corps two or three times this amount. These figures sufficiently prove the popularity of the system among the men.

Starvation in Germany. Norwegian shipmasters reaching an East Coast port state that when their vessels were taken for examination by Germans into Swinemunde, recently, the general public boarded the ships with bags and portmanteaux and begged the crew to sell them food, offering lacy prices, and declaring they had eaten no meat for two months.

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Auctioneer.

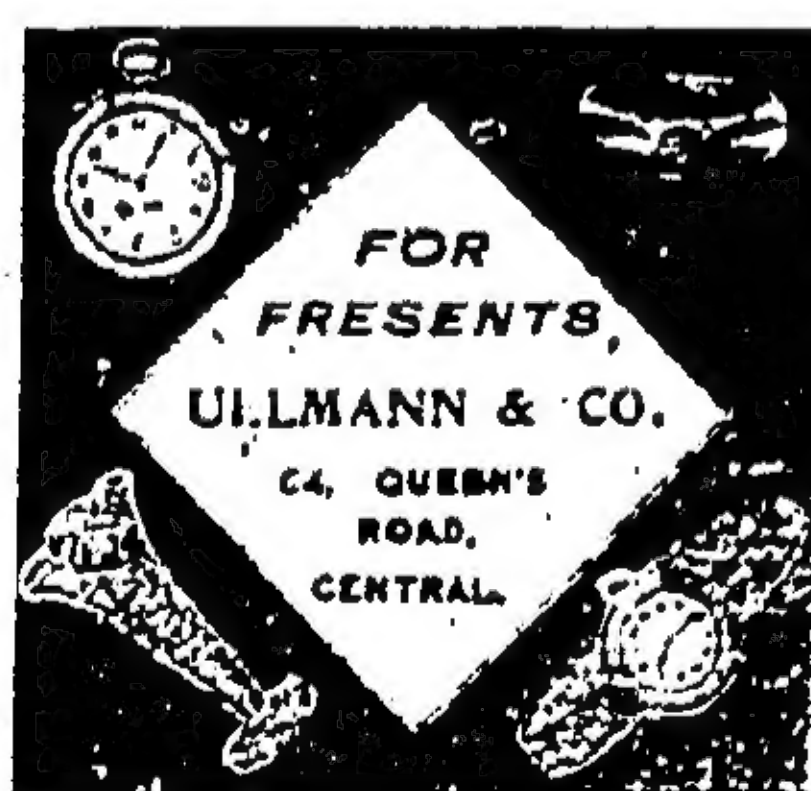
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our firm's name.
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Association may be obtained
from all the Banks or from the
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THE UNION INSURANCE
SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.,
Honorary Secretaries &
Treasurers.
Hongkong, 15th January, 1917.

IN THE SUPREME COURT
OF HONGKONG

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.
IN THE MATTER OF the
GREEN ISLAND CEMENT
COMPANY, LIMITED,
(and Reduced)

IN THE MATTER OF the
Companies Ordinance No.
58 of 1911.

NOTICE is hereby given that
a Petition for confirming a
Resolution reducing the capital
of the above Company from
\$4,000,000 (Four million dollars)
to \$3,000,000 (Three million
dollars) was on the 25th day of
January, 1917, presented to the
Supreme Court of Hongkong and
is now pending.
Dated this 7th day of February,
1917.
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RUBBER SHARE
REPORT.

PRICES BY MAIL From
SINGAPORE Dated
Jan., 10th, 1917.

Sterling Shares.

Nom. Value. Buyers. Sellers.

a/- Shares.

Allagar	2/8	2/9
Anglo-Java	4/-	5/-
Anglo-Malay	10/-	12/-
Batang Malaka	3/2	3/8
Bekoh	2/-	3/11
Bkt. Mertajam	3/6	4/6
Bkt. Sembawang	2/6	3/-
Chorsonese (F.M.S.)	3/3	4/-
Chimpul	1/6	1/10
Cicely	17/6	20/-
Cicely Pref.	18/-	21/-
Consolidated	10/-	12/6
Heawood	2/5	3/4
Kamuning Perak	3/3	4/-
Kota Tinggi	2/5	2/9
Labu (F.M.S.)	6/-	7/6
Linggi Ord.	18/-	20/-
London A. R.	6/6	7/3
Merlimau	4/6	5/6
Padang Jawa	2/6	3/-
Pataling	30/-	35/-
Perak	5/-	6/6
Port Dickson	2/4	3/-
Selangor	22/6	25/-
S'pore Para	3/-	3/6
S'pore United	2/3	2/9
Str. Settlements	4/6	5/6
(Bertram)	6/9	7/6
Sumatra Para	11/6	13/-
Untd. Serdang	6/6	7/6
Sumatra	2/10	3/3
Untd. Temiang	15/3	17/9
Vallambrosa	8/-	9/-

£1 Shares.

Batu Tiga	60/-	80/-
Bkt. Rajah	130/-	150/0
Castellfield	100/-	112/6
Damanara	50/-	75/-
H'lands & L'lands	50/-	55/-
Kuala Lumpur	80/-	95/-
Landedra	40/-	46/-
Langen (Java)	45/-	50/-
Lebury	50/-	57/6
Lumut	87/6	45/-
Malacca B. P.	80/-	90/-
Ord.	70/-	80/-
" 7 1/2 Pref.	21/-	25/6
Nordana	28/3	35/-
Permas	42/6	50/-
Pegoh	25/-	30/-
Rembia Ord.	24/-	20/-
Rombia Pref.	21/-	28/6
Rubber Plant	25/-	30/-
Invest	80/-	90/-
Sepang	25/-	30/-
Seafeld	80/-	90/-
Seremban	17/6	20/-
Shelford	27/6	35/-
Sialang	60/-	70/-
S'gai Way	75/-	85/-
Tebrau (Johore)	60/-	70/-
Untd. Sun Belong	50/-	60/-

Dollar Shares.

\$1 Shares.

Aloy Gajah	3.70	3.90
Ayer Kuning	1.10	1.50
Ayer Molek	2.50	2.60
Bakongwae	4.60	4.80
Bkt. Jelutong	7.20	8.10
Bkt. Katil	.85	.95
Glenale	2.20	2.40
Jeram	2.05	2.15
Jimah	1.80	1.90
Malaka Pinda	2.10	2.25
Mandai Tekong	.90	1.00
Pantai	1.90	2.00
Punggur	.80	.90
Tambak	1.00	1.10
Ulu Pandan	.82 1/2	.92 1/2
Untd. Malacca	1.15	1.25

\$2 Shares.

Kempas	7.90	8.00
Malakoff	4.70	4.85
New Serendah	4.20	4.30
Sandycroft	4.90	5.05
S'gai Bagan	3.25	3.60
Trafalgar	1.90	1.50

\$5 Shares.

Ayer Panas	11.40	11.75
Ch'kat Sarding	9.10	9.50
Haylor	10.00	10.05
Kalemak	6.00	6.35 x d.
Lunas	7.00	7.35 x d.
Mergui	4.85	5.10
Nyalas	6.30	6.60 x d.
Paj-m	17.50	18.50
Randall	11.50	12.00
Uelak Ascon	11.85	11.75

\$10 Shares.

Bukit Timah	12.00	15.00
Indragiri	12.50	21.00
Pulse Belay	3.50	4.00
Tapah	19.00	21.00

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American Sweets & Fry's
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POST OFFICE.

Particulars of outgoing and incoming
Mails will not be advertised in future.
The Post Office will forward all corre-
spondence posted by the fastest routes.

Correspondence addressed to enemy
subjects in China, Siam, Siberia and
Portuguese East Africa, Persia and Mor-
occo cannot be transmitted.

The Services to Germany, Austria, Bul-
garia and the Ottoman Empire are
suspended.

LOCAL AND REGULAR MAILS
OUTWARD.

Tai O.—Week days, 5 p.m.

Tai Po.—Week days, 10 a.m.; Sundays,
9.30 a.m.

Cheung Chow.—Week days, 2 p.m.

Sha-tuk, Shatin and Sheungshui.—
Week days, 4 p.m.

Aberdeen, Au-tau, Ping Shan, Sai Kung,
Satin and Stanley.—Week days, 4.30 p.m.

Canton, Samshui and Wuchow.—Week
days, 7.30 a.m.; Registration 5 p.m.; Let-
ters 6 p.m.; Sundays, 5 p.m.

Macao.—Week days, 7.15 a.m.; 1.20 p.m.;
Sundays, 9 a.m.

Kongmoon.—Week days, 6 p.m. Except
Saturdays; Sundays, 5 p.m.

Namtau and Sammi.—Week days,
5 p.m.; Sundays, 5 p.m.

Shamshui.—Week days, 10 a.m.; 4 p.m.;
Sundays, 9 a.m.

FROM SHEUNGWAN WESTERN
BRANCH P.O.

Macao.—Week days, 7.30 a.m.; 1.30 p.m.;
Sundays, 8.30 a.m.; Holidays, 7.30 a.m.,
1.30 p.m.

Canton.—Week days, 7.30 a.m.; 9.30 p.m.;
Sundays, 9.30 p.m.; Holidays, 9.30 a.m.,
9.30 p.m.

Tai Ping Tung.—Week days, 9.30 p.m.;
Sundays, 9.30 p.m.; Holidays, 9.30 p.m.

Shek Kiu.—Week days, 9.30 p.m.; Sun-
days, 9.30 p.m.; Holidays, 9.30 p.m.

Kongmoon.—Week days, 6 p.m.; Sun-
days, 6 p.m.; Holidays, 6 p.m.

Kum-tuk.—Week days, 6 p.m.; Sun-
days, 6 p.m.; Holidays, 6 p.m.

Kau-ku.—Week days, 6 p.m. Except
Saturdays; Sundays, 6 p.m.; Holidays,
6 p.m.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Changchow, Br. ss. 1208, Morse, 8th
Feb.—Swatow, 7th Feb. Rice—
B. & S.

Luenabing, Br. ss. 1048, Bavit, 8th Feb.
—Saigon, 2nd Feb. Rice—Chinese.

Laertes, Br. ss. 1350, Jenkins, 8th Feb.
—Saigon, 3rd Feb. Gen.—Chinese.

Shawheing, Chi. ss. 769, Ramaland, 8th
Feb.—Faiy, 2nd Feb. Rice—
Chinese.

Shensi, Br. ss. 1323, Simons, 8th Feb.
—Saigon, 3rd Feb. Rice—B. & S.

Shenzies, Chi. ss. 574, Mak, 9th Feb.
—Kivn, 6th Feb. Coal—Chinese.

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 9th at 11.35—No returns from
Japanese stations. Pressure has decreased
slightly from Vladivostok to Shang-
hai, and has increased considerably from
Hongkong to Tientsin. It is nearly
stationary in the extreme South.

The anticyclone has spread southward.
Fresh monsoons indicated along the
east coast of China and over the China
Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours
ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.64 inch.
Total since January 1st, 0.49 inches,
against an average of 1.99 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS
ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW

District.	Forecast.
1 Hongkong to Gap Rock	N. winds, fresh; fine to cloudy.
2 Formosa Channel	N.E. winds, strong.
3 South coast of China be- tween H.K. and Lamook	The same as No. 1.
4 South coast of China be- tween H.K. and Hainan	The same as No. 1.

China Coast Meteorological Register.
February 9, a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind.	Force.	Weather.
Vostock	6a	30.13	3	n	6b		
Nemuro	5a						
Hakodate							
Tokio							
Kochi							
Nagasaki							
Kagami							
Oshima							
Naha							
Ishijima							
Bonin Is.							
Chaofo	6a	30.23	26	67	nw	40	
Waiwai							
Hankow							
Ichang							
Kiukiang							
Shanghai		30.32	28	n	1b		
Gutzliff		30.27	30	88	nw	4b	
Sharp P.		30.10	46	77	0b		
Amoy	6a	30.38	48	78	ne	20	
Swatow	5a	30.19	48	55	e	1r	
Tai-chu		30.14	50	nne	40		
Tainan		30.13	50	n	6b		
Koahun		29.07	19	nw	1r		
P'ores		30.17	51	nne	60		
Canton	6a	30.29	29	n	2b		
H'kong		30.21	46	63	nne	2b	
Gap Rock		30.21			nne	5b	
Macao	6a	30.24	43	81	nne	2b	
Wuchow							
Pakhoi							
Holhow							
Phuilen	7a	30.25	55	55	ne	40	
Tourans		30.5	64	nne	40		
C. St. J.		29.93	72	one	60		
Aparri							
Dagupan		29.89	77	73	nne	40	
Manila		29.92	75	69	nne	10	
Legaspi		29.91	73	96	0b		
Tacloban		29.88	75	96	wnw	10	
Bohol							
Surigao							
Labuan		29.83	77	94	sw	2b	

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

Hongkong Observatory, Feb. 9, 1917.
1 Barometer, reduced to 32 degrees
Fahrenheit on the level of the sea in in-
ches, tenths and hundredths.
2 Temperature, in the shade, in degrees
Fahrenheit.
3 Humidity, in percentage of saturation,
the humidity of air saturated with mois-
ture being 100.
4 Force of Wind, according to Beaufort
Scale.
5 State of Weather, b blue sky, c de-
tailed cloud, d drizzling rain, f fog, g
gloomy, h hail, i lightning, o overcast, p
passing showers, q equally, r rain, s snow,
t thunder, v visibility, w dew wet.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous	Day	On date	On date
Barometer	30.16	30.26	30.19
Temperature	56	46	57
Humidity	65	63	63
Wind Direction	NNW	NNE	W
" Force	1	2	2
Weather	0	b	b
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.04
Highest open air Temperature on the	5th	6th	7th
Lowest	54	54	54

H.K. Observatory, February 9, 1917.

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